

## IF WAR HAD COME?

A SURVEY OF COLLEGE OPINION FROM FIVE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE UNION

### A Pacifist Speaks

It is particularly difficult for a pacifist to define in any but the most general terms what he would do if war broke out. Pledged as he is to civil disobedience, he can never forgo the full implications of his faith. I can do no more than record that at the time of the crisis, I was resolved that, should war break out, I would withhold as far as possible any support.

If history is any guide at all, a war in defence of Czechoslovakia could not settle the account. Nothing proclaims this truth more emphatically than the present situation itself.

Review the noble ends for which the Great War was fought, and consider how far they have been attained. The democracy it fought to save was left tottering or has fallen in every country. Democracy is strongest in those countries which kept out of the war. The militarism it sought to uproot flourishes in victor and vanquished alike. Its almost inevitable conclusion was a viciously imposed Peace containing the seeds of a future war. Even if we make the preposterously optimistic supposition that another World War would be no worse than the last, what reason have we for thinking that its climax would be a peace any the less disastrous?

To fight fascism it is not necessary to destroy fascists, much less its victims. In any case the use of modern warfare, with its implicit acceptance of the Fascist ethic, would guarantee the perpetuation of Fascist ideas, rather than their eradication. No method is so completely indiscriminate in the treatment of its victims. It makes no distinction between innocent and guilty. It is an explicit denial of all the values it is sought to defend. Where Christian values have survived in the past it has been in spite of wars, not because of them. Let us be thankful that the survival of Christianity depends on nothing so precarious as the result of a military conflict between two powers.

War is a purely conventional method and it cannot be beyond the wit of man to devise a method less disastrous to himself. On our part, a willingness to remove trade barriers, and to discuss the grievances of other countries

before we are forced to would be a more convincing demonstration of our will for Peace than mountainous armaments. It might be less satisfying to our national pride, but at least it would give the German people less reason for supposing that we respect a nation only in proportion to its military strength. If we do not persuade dictators to talk our language sooner or later we shall be driven to talk theirs.

J. P. COPSON.

### A Women's Point of View . . .

I suppose the most distressing day of the whole crisis was that immediately following the Prime Minister's broadcast when it seemed that War was inevitable. A day when political differences had to be set aside and unity of feeling established.

A sudden realization of individual responsibility together with the apparent inadequacy of preparation in my own and possibly many other home towns necessitated immediate action.

Accounts of various organisations appealing for women members had appeared in the newspapers but there was no local branch. Nursing was a possibility but lack of experience even in first aid work made my chances remote. It seemed then that the only solution at the moment was to volunteer for A.R.P. work.

I must confess that prior to the crisis my interest in A.R.P. had been purely superficial, certainly not practical. I was, however, anxious to learn and offered my services forthwith at the Local Council Offices, only to be told I should be sent for when required. Assuming then, that war had broken out I should have been immediately plunged into A.R.P. work.

At the same time arrangements were being made to billet 30,000 children from Croydon in the Country, which would imply that A.R.P. requirements might be comparatively small since we were evidently regarded to be outside the danger area. This new development, however, would obviously offer scope to the person training to be a teacher. Pausing for a moment to consider the rather selfish point

of view of personal feeling, I was much luckier than most people in that none of my immediate relatives were of military age. That did not however prevent one from realising the awful tragedy of it all. The anguish of a friend's mother was terrible to witness and she was typical of the millions of mothers whose sons might be called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice.

O. COMBEN.

### What a Socialist Thinks . . .

It is a frequent jibe at Socialists, that whilst they advocate resistance to aggression and the building up of collective security, they are unwilling to make any sacrifices to make this possible. The action of those thousands of English Socialists and democrats who have fought in Spain, even one from our College, should have disposed of this legend.

What we refuse to do is to fight merely to preserve the profits of British business and industry, or to give a Government, of whose policy we do not approve, an unrestricted right to mobilise industry for its own interests. The case of Czechoslovakia was different, we saw that the defence of that country was bound up with the preservation of democracy in Europe, and we know that even the restricted democracy we enjoy at the moment is infinitely preferable to any type of Fascist totalitarianism.

If Mr. Chamberlain had resisted the aims of Herr Hitler in Central Europe, and the latter had been so insane as to pit his strength against the united democracies, in this case there would have been no doubt as to the attitude of any consistent Socialist to the war we would have been involved in. We would have fought with all our energies, and with clear knowledge of the issues at stake, doing all we could to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

For myself, until the moment that I heard Mr. Chamberlain's speech before his flight to Munich, I had made up my mind to join the Territorials, and except for the advice of my parents, would have done so before. But it seems to many of us now, even if we were for the moment panicked

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## Editorial.

From time to time many journals have attempted to analyse their contents under such headings as "This was news . . ." or "Headlines a week ago," and they have discovered that the news value of most of the incidents they record last only, for a few hours. For men and women who think seriously one recent event must, however, have had a greater significance. During the crisis the radio and newspapers were concerned mainly with recording the quick changes in the situation which brought us near to war. Now that the crisis is over they spend much time either stating what would have happened if . . . or disagreeing with what other people think about it. Whatever we may think of these efforts to make news, one thing stands out above all others as being of vital importance to us, as it is to all other people, is that the crisis has effectively shattered any illusions we may have had as to the shelter and security, which a University affords its inmates from political storms outside. We should by now have realised that in a National emergency we should be called upon to fill posts of responsibility. But are we fit to fill those positions?

Indeed do we even know in what spheres we can pull our weight to the best advantage? Because this is such a vital problem our leading article this week has been written by several people who were asked to write about what they themselves would have done had war broken out three weeks ago. You cannot possibly agree with them all, you may not even agree with any of them, but have a different conception of what you would do. In any case *Wessex News* is the place for you to state your views. Our columns are open to views as well as news.

A year ago *Wessex News* had to deplore the appalling decline in the standard of debating in this College. That criticism followed the Canadian Debate case. To-day we have to repeat that criticism after the Fresher's Debate. We surely have a right to expect that people who have nothing to say will not in future take up positions on a public platform and pretend that they have. Public speaking is declining art in this country and badly needs patronising, as just as a man's worst enemy is a treacherous friend, so poor debates are betraying public oratory.

## Select Carol Party

Subject to the approval of the Students' Council, the Select Carol Party will function, for the fifth successive season, during the last two weeks of this term. The name Select Carol Party is given to this body, not with the intention of being snobbish or cliquish, but in the first place, to avoid confusion with the General Carol Party which functions only on the last night of the term. In the second place the reason for its being so named will be clear when the following points are taken into account. The Select Carol Party, the nucleus of which is the South Stoneham Collegiate Choir which sings in St. Mary's Church, South Stoneham, is intended to be a small body of students interested in singing Carols in four-part harmony. Of the Carols, many are well-known; not a few are little known, but are nevertheless good carols. Anybody who has ever done any singing, or has an interest in music, will be welcome to join. It should be borne in mind that the intention is to give a good rendering of the carols, many of which are by no means easy, especially since all the singing will be unaccompanied. The Party will visit various districts of Southampton, such as Abbott's Way, Orchards Way, Glebe Court, Bassett, Chilworth, etc., and collect in aid of two of the chief hospitals in Southampton. In the last four seasons the collection realised by the Select Carol Party alone, has exceeded £20 a year. The number of singers in the Party each night should be about sixteen. It is hoped that a well-balanced choir will be available to sing every night. Since this means that sixteen students will be required every week-night for a fortnight, and since, owing to a bogey known as Terminals, many find that they cannot spare every night, it is obvious that a large number of students will be required, to take turns at forming the Party. This calls for careful arrangement of what one might call "shifts," in such a way that about five sopranos, four contraltos, three tenors, and four basses will be available every night. Hence it is obvious that without the backing of a large number of keen singers, the Carol Party cannot function satisfactorily. Another very important point is that the idea of sending a Party out to sing carols properly is quite hopeless without a considerable amount of practice, so that those who wish to become members of the Party, will be expected to turn up to the weekly practices, held on Thursdays at 1.20 p.m. in the Music Studio. All further particulars may be had from:—

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## What a Socialist Thinks . . .

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into thinking war was coming, that a war scare was deliberately worked up in this country, to facilitate Chamberlain's humiliating betrayal of Czechoslovakia at Munich. As Mr. J. M. Keynes, the noted economist wrote: "Neither the Prime Minister nor Herr Hitler ever intended for one moment that the play acting should develop into reality. . . . The actual course of events has been dictated by the fact that the objectives of Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain were not different, but the same. . . ."

ALAN H. M. SMITH.

## A Conservative View

The crisis which occurred recently, the gravest since 1918, was a nerve-racking episode, and it should have made every person consider what part he could play in resolving it and what part he might have played, wittingly or unwittingly in making it. In 1919 the Allies had set out to shackle Germany and to curb their aggressiveness for ever; Prussian aggressiveness for ever; Slovakia to realise the principle of nationality and to act as strategic barrier. But German expansion could not be permanently checked and in Czechoslovakia a population of 3 million Germans were provoking a "Drang Nach Osten." By September, 1938 therefore, a very serious situation had arisen.

The rights and wrongs of the affair are very difficult to decide. Unquestionably "something ought to be done," and yet democratic methods were too dilatory. But one must suspect that Hitler exploited the situation, very cleverly, for his own purposes. He threatened war in an uncertain fashion.

Force is not necessarily the one remedy for force wrongly used, and it should have been possible to remove much dissatisfaction in Germany by generosity and conciliatory methods. Such virtues were not very conspicuous in this crisis; for nothing is easier than to be generous with other people's property. "The New York Times" said peace was ensured, but it was bought at a very high price indeed. But peace is always worth a very high price. From the statesman's point of view, resort to war is justifiable only in the last extremity. Britain and France, unfortunately are not without responsibility for the very rise of Hitlerism.

War was then not justifiable. Indeed I should have been most anxious to save my own skin apart from any elaborate justification of pacifism. Conscription would almost certainly have come into force if war had come, and in this way and in others all subjects of combatant states

would have been soon involved. This is a seemingly selfish doctrine but any person owes it to his family as well as to the whole community to avoid committing suicide in warfare. Once the war started there would have been no possibility of half-measures, and everyone would have been involved, without any escape from risk of death. This should absolve such views from charges of sheer cowardice.

Democracy as a method of government assumes each individual is able to judge major issues effectively for himself. But this is rarely the case. Therefore it is necessary to give confidence to the leaders of the nation. Eventually nobody could avoid contributing his "BIT" to the prosecution of a war; and everyone would be well to consider whether even a world war, coming apparently as a resultant of many social forces, and apparently inevitable, does not in part arise from the social results of many individual actions. As in the "MAKE GERMANY PAY" agitation twenty years ago, we may be guilty of foolishness finally having very serious consequences.

R. F. HARWOOD.

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asked to provide certain ships (this is typical and proves nothing).

In the Civil War the town was in the hands of Parliament, but during the Commonwealth the Mayor and Sheriff were "sacked" by Cromwell for lack of enthusiasm in his government.

It is surprising to learn that, in the eighteenth century, Southampton was important as a fashionable resort. Its sea bathing was popular, and alleged to cure dog bites.

The present phase in the town's progress was commenced by the construction of the docks in the early 19th century. From these outlines it can be seen that Southampton has a history well worthy of investigation. It is also a town which shows great promise of future development. You ought to be proud to be here.

## U.C.—S.

There are probably many freshers and others in Hall who are newcomers to this ancient borough and would be glad to learn a little concerning the S. which follows U.C.

Even the Romans found this a pleasant spot and relics have been discovered at Bitterne Manor, which the Romans, knowing no better, called Clausentum.

Later, in Saxon times, the settlement which had grown up here, was known as "Hampton" (or some primitive distortion of this), probably meaning home town. They used to sing a song about it, which has recently been revived.

It is believed to have been the contrary waves of Southampton Water which defied King Canute when he tried to emulate Britannia.

After the Norman Conquest, Hampton began to attain eminence as a port. Wool was exported in particular, but also hides, tin and lead—while wine, women and song were the chief imports (printer's error).

In the early 14th century the town was attacked by French pirates while the burghers were at church. The unfortunate So'ntonians were driven out. Nevertheless they massed together and despite their best suits and stiff collars, succeeded in repelling the invaders; but not before the town had been burned. This led to the strengthening of fortifications (F. (French) R.P. work) and much of the old walls still exist, while the Bargate, West Gate and various other arches and towers, are in good preserve.

During the 100 years War the famous "broom of England" embarked here, on their way to Crécy, Poitiers and Agincourt. The Earl of Cambridge, Lord Scrope and Sir Thomas Grey, who plotted against Henry V, at this time, were executed outside the Bar Gate.

With the loss of English possessions in France and restrictions on wool export, the trade of Southampton declined. At the time of the Armada the civic authorities pleaded poverty when

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# Athletic Union

Sport and sportsmanship are far from synonymous, but one naturally associates the two. The vexed question of amateurs and professionals invariably raises its ugly head from time to time and with it the closely allied question of trophies.

Undoubtedly a medal or a cup give a surprising stimulus to sports' activities, but their value is to be questioned. Sometimes the true end is lost sight of and the means not considered. The line of division between rivalry and antagonism becomes hazy and the whole affair develops into a blood sport. Such is not the case in the majority of matches but one is pulled up with a jolt when suddenly tossed into the middle of a cat and dog fight—and all for the sake of some trinket or other.

It was in such an atmosphere, heavily charged with antagonism, that the Soccer U.A.U. with Bristol was fought out, and fought it was. The attack was fierce, the sting venomous. The viciousness of it all was appalling and the whole game was ruined by its ferocity. Such an exhibition does not end with the blast of the final whistle. The rancour and ill-feeling burns on and a nasty blot has been left on Southampton's copy book by Bristol's headhunting.

The moral? "... Play up, play up and play the game."

## Resume of A.U. Committee Meeting.

1. CLUB SCARVES.  
Any Club which wishes can have scarves made after the pattern of the Boat Club Scarves.

2. ESTIMATES.  
Club estimates totalled £307 while the estimated income was £237. The estimates of individual Clubs were provisionally approved, methods of cutting down expenses being postponed till last session's accounts had been presented.

## MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

M.H.C.v. R.V.H., Netley, 5-5.  
M.H.C.v. Portsmouth C.S., 3-3.  
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## M.H.C. v. Rifle Depot, 5-2.

The team shows great promise with a newly formed forward line which includes a strong left wing. The Civil Service gave this new combination its first test and College were unfortunate to lose a close fought game. The following match against Gosport was an anti-climax; their stick-work was very good while the College team seemed to have lost its life, especially towards the end of the first half when goals were headed up against them. The game against the Rifle Depot started well since the College right wing seized the ball at the bully-off, carefully dribbled it up the field and scored within half a minute of starting! Half-time saw the two teams level, but College soon scored 3 more goals and finished the game by nearly getting another.

Freshers and seniors are asked to support the Club since at present it is unable to turn out a 2nd team. Why not take up Hockey and stop "siffing" on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons? There is no need for ability—only keenness.

## RUGGER.

Last Wednesday, U.C.S. played Goldsmiths at home. It was obvious that the U.C.S. team, containing no fewer than 7 freshers, had not yet settled down and started playing together with the result that Goldsmiths were 8 points ahead at half-time.

Immediately after resuming, Beech scored an unconverted try and for a time it seemed that U.C.S. had the game in hand, but their chance was spoiled by an injury to Beech, who was carried off the field. Goldsmiths then took command again and the rest of the game was played in a ragged and dispirited manner.

Result :—  
Goldsmiths 11, U.C.S. 3.  
For the match at R.A.O.C. Hilsa, on Saturday, U.C.S. was handicapped by the absence of Woolley, Newman, Beech and Gardner, which necessitated the making of 10 positional changes in the team. Although College held more of the game throughout, Hilsa scored 16 points without reply in the first half, due to the

weakness of the U.C.S. backs. After half-time, Mossman was moved to the three-quarter line and, as a result of this, College rallied to such an extent that they were very unlucky in not snatching a dramatic victory. Archard, Mossman and Evans scored tries, one of which was converted by Roberts, who also kicked a penalty goal. Full time arrived with U.C.S. well on top, but with insufficient time to clinch their advantage.

Result :—

R.A.O.C. Hilsa 16, U.C.S. 14.

Other results :—

Oct. 19th v. R.A.F. Gosport (Away) Lost 14-0.

Oct. 22nd v. Eastleigh (home) Lost 8-0.

## SOCCER CLUB.

U.C.S. 0, v. Bristol 2.

To say the least, the A.U. match at Bristol was boisterous. Proper football became almost impossible. Moreover, the absence of two regular members from the U.C.S. team gave an unusually strong Bristol eleven the advantage from the start. U.C.S. attacked strongly at first but the vicious tactics of Bristol soon disorganised the whole game. Fierce tackling and the constant stoppage of play became the keynote of the match. In the first half the ball swung from end to end with disconcerting rapidity and with little more than rush tactics the Bristol side were 2-0 up at half time.

The outlook of U.C.S. which so far had only been brightened by a brilliant cross-shot by L. M. Wallace, became still gloomier in the second half. The defence kept up a stubborn resistance and the tone of the play deteriorated considerably. Relations became strained and tension increased towards the end of the game. The Bristol tactics forced the whole play in the second half back into the U.C.S. goalmouth. Occasional raids by the U.C.S. forwards included a powerful shot by S. White, which just tipped the crossbar. Two minutes from the end, a low shot by Wallace was fumbled by the Bristol goalkeeper who literally pushed the ball from Jones' toe.

## OTHER GAMES BEST FORGOTTEN

U.C.S. 5, Peter Symond's 2.

U.C.S. 2nd., 1 Peter Symond's 2nd., 0 (away).

U.C.S. 1 R.A.F. Calshot 3 (away).

U.C.S. 2nd., 5 Taunton's 2nd., 3 (home).

## BOXING CLUB.

Now that the new ring has been acquired, training is in full swing. Fixtures for this term will most probably include a home match against Bristol. We are anxious that all those interested in boxing, whether old hands or complete novices should come over to the Training Club on Club nights. With all the losses in membership that the club has sustained this

session it is up to us all to raise the Boxing Club to the prestige which it once occupied, and which we are convinced it will occupy in the near future.

This week we are lucky in having Cliff Hart down to give us a hand.

Training Nights this week are on Tuesday and Thursday, between 4 and 5.30 p.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

On Saturday, October 22nd, the team was beaten by Bristol at home by 23 points to 61. The superior packing and evident training of the opponents gave them an easy victory.

The team obviously learned a lesson from this, for on Saturday, the match against R.A.F. Gosport (away) was won by 31 points to 50. As last year, Pirrie won the event with two R.A.F. runners close behind. The next five to finish were college runners, Moore, Hodgkinson, and Dyer at 4th; Dukes 7th and Russell 8th, with Armstrong 10th.

Next Saturday's match is against Eastleigh A.C. and Calshot R.A.F. at Eastleigh.

## NETBALL.

Reading 23, U.C.S. 15.

Some good work by U.C.S. put us up several goals at the start of the match. However, when Reading, a bright and energetic team, settled down, U.C.S. started to fall and our opponents soon took and kept the lead to the end.

College play lacked initiative and fighting spirit in its field positions. These players must learn to defend their partners and to attack more vigorously than they do. This will help to strengthen too short passes and to avoid muddle and easy interception by opponents.

The freshers, however, gave a creditable performance in their first important match against a more experienced team and show definite promise. Several pre-arranged passes from centre proved successful each time and the defence played magnificently in the second half, while the highlight of the match was the free shot scored by U.C.S. shooter.

With the present sound defence and shooters, the team has a chance to maintain its reputation gained in the last two years, so see to it, centre players! 1st team U.C.S. 14 Queen's Ath. 8. 2nd team .. 4. Queen's Ath. 20.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

U.C.S. 6 Parkstone Ladies 6 County Tournament.

U.C.S. 0 Winchester 0

U.C.S. 2 Meyrick Park 0

U.C.S. 2 Winchester 110

U.C.S. 1 Portsmouth T.C. 1

U.C.S. 0 Andover 0

U.C.S. 1 Old Issonians 0

U.C.S. 1 Thornycroft 0

Playing short games of 15 mins. each, College did exceptionally well in meeting no defeat against some of the best clubs in the county. The team played well

together and there were some especially fine shots from the left.

## U.C.S. 1 Ichen Sec. 2.

In this game Ichen gained a well-deserved victory through superior team combination. College defence worked magnificently and warded off raid after raid made on the home goal, but the forwards though quick in mid-field were inclined to muddle on the edge of the circle and missed several chances by failing to rush the goalkeeper. The one goal came from a fine shot from the right wing, but the score could have been higher if other forwards had been less slow in shooting.

Despite this early defeat the club has high hopes of a successful season. The 1st XI when at full strength is one of the best ever, but as several members are on school practice, it is unfortunately seldom complete. In these circumstances it is obvious that it is vain to hope for 1st XI victories and impossible to field a 2nd XI at all unless new enthusiasts can be found. We appeal to all who are not already engaged in rowing or netball to take an active part in the A.U. by joining us at our frequent practices.

## FENCING CLUB.

Foil

So 'ton Deaneby F.C. 6. U.C.S. 3.

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This was a successful first-of-the-season match on the whole, and was valuable for showing us that we need much practice in foil to regain form lost during the summer. Épée was stronger, though perhaps less successful was due in some measure to the comparative inexperience of our opponents.

Foil

U.C.S. 6. Calshot R.A.F. 3.

Épée.

U.C.S. 5. Calshot 4.

Sabre.

U.C.S. 5. U.C.S. 2.

Foil results were pleasing this week; more subtlety in Épée would be profitable, and as much sabre practice as possible is needed before our match on Wednesday with Portsmouth Foil and Sabre Club.

## FIVERS.

This is a new sport recently popularised in Stoneham. The equipment required consists of a polished floor, an ordinary rug and a large mirror.

The player first wanders about the room in a haphazard manner and the game starts when he steps on the rug. Further developments then follow naturally.

Unfortunately, membership of the club is at present rather limited, probably as the club subscription is £5.

The most important rule of this game is that mirrors, which may only be used once, must be replaced within a week.

The Editor regrets that owing to considerable pressure of space one or two articles have been omitted.

## Winter Wear

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## Mr. Pim Passes By

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The play is the story of a very respectable "County" couple who are suddenly faced with the possibility of a scandal. Campbell Matthews is playing the part of the husband, George, who lives in the house of his ancestors in Buckinghamshire, and whose ambition in life is to do "what's rightest, Olivia, what's best." Miss Dorothy Binning is playing the wife, Olivia, a wife with a sense of humour and a very unrespectable first husband. Dinah (Audrey Daniels), her niece, is sweet nineteen, and wants apparently "a secret engagement, and notes left under the door-mat, and meetings by the withered thorn." Brian (Leslie) is yet a harmless artist who thinks that "cows are blue and that clouds are square." The other characters are Lady Marden (Miss Townend), Anne (Miss Oades), and Mr. Carraway Pim (Andrews). Lady Marden is "sixty-five and proud of it," and has a passion for beading; poor Mr. Pim is... well, he is "a-a passer-by, here to-day and gone to-morrow."

A. J. HOLLAND.

## Here and There

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"And I was looking forward to casting my pearls before swine." Lecturer's comments on postponement of term.

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## So'ton 744931

The shrilling of an increased number of telephone bells, the chattering and clatter of crockery at freshers' coffee parties, formal dinners and the entertaining of the Principal and Mrs. Vickers and Mr. and Mrs. Grant, the setting out of weirdly assorted hiking parties on Sunday afternoons, and lastly the congregation of the Dip, class round the common-room fire, such have been the components of life at So'ton 744931 so far this term.

Amongst this medley of sound and fact, one or two items have emerged, which, we feel, might interest the "outsiders" in our little world (to wit, Stoneham, Connaught and Russell Halls). First and foremost the appearance of an ancient and valuable? relic exhibited on the hall notice-board. Undoubtedly the remains from a lecture which failed to produce the estimated number of notes, the wording on the relic was as follows:—

Dear Madam,  
We are holding an entertainment, in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, October 29th, etc. . . . By this time such relics will be useless to anyone but their original owner; would be returners of the property are, however, warned that the only reward will be a demonstration of how to tie a reef knot or a granny knot.

Secondly, those whose curiosity has been aroused by demands from members of Highfield for the loan of trousers, shoes, netball posts and even prams are asked to await the contents of November 5th, with what patience they can muster. Here, we have an item of special interest for the Secretary of the Union—even amid the trials and tribulations of trying to produce an entertainment we have remembered to have rubber fitted to the legs of a chair for his use, in order to prevent a recurrence of that blow to his dignity which produced the 'bright spot' of the last S.C. meeting.

Lastly, an item of news, which started an eminent lecturer and shocked the Dip, Class from their 'After Eleven' lethargy, and which we feel should be known by the general body of students.—

The Editor of *Wessex News* proclaims he has a bias Against the gracious poet's muse.

Who used to satisfy us. When inspiration we required; Now solemn prose we pen, The flights of fancy we acquired Are not within our Ken.

Highfield Stars' Publicity Agents please note . . . "The best way of punching a rival on the nose is to send a sarcastic joke about them to *Wessex News*."

A MEMBER OF STAFF.

## WHY?

For three years in succession Room 20, Block A, in South Stoneham House has been occupied by people who have gained First Class degrees.

## Correspondence.

### CHORAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

The second meeting of the Choral Society held last Tuesday evening was much more satisfactory than the first. The number of sopranos and contraltos present was very gratifying. There is still, however, room for many more. The men present showed promise of becoming a very strong chorus, but we must increase the number.

Last Tuesday some choruses were tried both from "The Mikado" and the "Yeoman of the Guard" after which a vote was taken to decide which of the two operas should be produced next March. There was a majority in favour of the "Mikado."

To-night we shall start in real earnest to learn the choruses, the words and music of which should be thoroughly known by the end of the term. So if anyone is still thinking of joining the Society let him or her come to the Music Studio this evening at 5.15.

Yours truly,

L. J. CARSWELL,  
President (Choral Society).

### THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of all interested to the fact that there has been formed in the College a Chemical Society under the Presidency of Dr. Denbigh.

It is hoped that many students who are not taking chemistry, but some related science, will become members.

The society will hold frequent meetings at which interesting and distinguished scientists will speak.

C. S. GODFREY,  
Secretary (Chemistry Society).

## Architecture Society

This Society purposely reserved its first advertisement in order that its somewhat slender voice should not be drowned in the tumult of the first weeks of Session. It cannot hope to attract a very large following but for anyone at all interested in architecture it does provide three illustrated lectures in each of the first two terms, while the excursions of the Summer Term are invariably most enjoyable.

Dr. Lucas has promised to give us what should be a very successful start and on Thursday, November 3rd, will speak on Tilmann Riemenschneider, Germany's greatest sculptor (and most modern of all mediaeval artists). For those who do not know Riemenschneider's work this lecture will be a very pleasant surprise.

C. H. JEFFERY.

## N. U. S.

We in U.S. are in our small way trying to guide the development of university education along the forward path, and the forefront of this movement are the students themselves. Similarly in every other university, and college efforts for the betterment of university education are being made.

The existence of the National Union of Students is a perfectly logical result of the existence of representative student organisations in the many universities and colleges of England and Wales. With the exceptions of Oxford and Cambridge, every university and university college in England and Wales is now affiliated to N.U.S. It is through our National Union that the efforts made in these colleges can be correlated, and the whole movement co-ordinated.

N.U.S. has won, in this way, respect as an organisation in the forefront of university educational reform. Professor Winifred Cullis speaking on "Education in a Changing World," at this year's meeting of the British Association cited the work of N.U.S. on student problems as a movement to mould the universities along the right lines. The existence of N.U.S. has stimulated the student's interest in his conditions of life at the university, partly I believe, because of the fact that owing to N.U.S., he has a better chance of improving them. N.U.S. has made researches on student health, university refectories, graduate employment, and similar matters, and publication of their reports has resulted in many improvements in many universities. In short, because of the united nature of the movement, the Union has been able to do for students, far more than its constituent organisations would have been able to do by their own small efforts.

Learning and knowledge transcend all national boundaries, and it is therefore fitting that students should have their international links. N.U.S. is a member of the students' international organisation, the Confederation Internationale des Etudiants. Through the Confederation we are able to arrange for parties of students to visit other countries. These tours are very cheap owing to the special concessions obtained, and all details are available in the Travel Booklet which you may obtain free for the asking. A student too, can arrange student exchanges for those who wish to go abroad to practise a foreign language and to live at small expense. All that is required is willingness on behalf of the student to receive a foreign student for a similar period. The hospitality department too, arranges to receive parties of foreign students visiting this country, similarly to the way in which university organisations abroad receive our groups. Debating tours, both for British

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## Calendar.

Tuesday, November 1st.

C.U. 1.20 p.m. Room 35. Bible Study.

1.20 p.m. Conservative Club. S.C.M. 8.45 p.m. Room 39.

Wednesday, November 2nd.

At University College, Annual Visit of the English Classical Players, 2.30 p.m. "Twelfth Night," 7.30 p.m. "School for Scandal."

Thursday, November 3rd.

C.U. 1.20 p.m. Room 35. Missionary Study.

Friday, November 4th.

S.C.M. 8.45 p.m. Room 39. Biological Society, 5.30 p.m. Botany Theatre. "Vitamins," Dr. N. Knaggs.

Saturday, November 5th.

Highfield Entertainment. Sunday, November 6th.

Collegiate Service, St. Mary's, South Stoneham. The Rev. H. B. Tower, M.A.

Tuesday, November 8th.

C.U. 1.20 p.m. Room 35. Bible Study.

Thursday, November 9th.

C.U. 1.20 p.m. Missionary Study.

## Chess Club

On Wednesday the 'A' and 'B' teams met in the Southampton League, the 'A' winning by 5½ boards to a ½. It was a keenly contested match, the first team players winning by superior game play, derived from a greater experience. Although the result is a good start for the 'A' team, some of the games, particularly those on the top boards savoured of rustiness in openings; and in the middle game the 'B' team had superior positions on several boards. Premature attacking and errors of development must be guarded against if the club is to repeat last years performance. The opening is of supreme importance in time-limit chess and Tarrasch's advice—"Learn one opening and one defence in detail first . . . and remember that practice makes the master" might be acted on with profit. Lastly I appeal for more members, come forward and make yourselves known.

K. NEVILLE REED,  
Hon. Secretary.

## Fiction Library

The Students' Union Fiction Library, housed in the Mixed Common Room is open on Tuesdays from 1.20-2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 12.30-1.10 p.m.

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students going abroad, and foreign debating teams visiting this country are also arranged.

The National Union of Students is our Union, and it depends on what we put into it as to whether it will do its work for our and all students' welfare.

JOHN F. ARCHARD.

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